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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with G PRISSEN on 28 March 1956

1. I asked G PRISSEN about Casella SAUER; he said there was nothing new. I also asked him about PARHEITZ; however, G PRISSEN thought that CAVATA was handling him and referred me to G MERTEN.

2. G PRISSEN then asked me about something that had been bothering him personally. He said that he had learned that "Reiner" SCHMITZ of Wiesbaden, who had worked with ALBERT, had investigated (aufgeklärt) G PRISSEN. Oddly enough, he said, SCHMITZ and/or his American case officers had been disappointed when the information they had found on him turned out not to be derogatory at all. G PRISSEN added that the whole thing worried him because he did not want to have a black mark against him in some classified American files.

3. I pointed out that both SCHMITZ and SCHNEIDER were now with UPWING. G PRISSEN nodded and said he knew this, but that he had no direct access to them. However, he said that he had received some personal reassurance or vote of confidence from ULLIETT personally.

4. I then went at length into the BURKHARD-WINKLER-ALBERT-SCHMITZ case, explaining first of all that we were not the American service involved. Consequently, our insight was extremely limited. I doubted that CIC had given G PRISSEN as a specific RSI, and that quite possibly it was ALBERT who had pushed the investigation of G PRISSEN.

5. Both G PRISSEN and I went into a great deal of repetitious discussion of ALBERT's vendetta against the former OV L members who had been transferred to UPWING headquarters. In the end, I stated that I knew of no derogatory information concerning G PRISSEN. I said I would be willing to ask the Army for traces on him, if he so desired, but I did not think that our service would work as closely with him as we were doing if we did not consider him completely reliable. I did not think that either during or after the big SCHMITZ-SCHNEIDER flap CIC could or would fail to inform us if they had derogatory security information regarding G PRISSEN in their files.

6. G PRISSEN did not want me to ask for traces on him "because of UPWING

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considerations," but thought that he might want to talk to us regarding this matter sometime in the future.

7. During the conversation, the following facts regarding O'FRIEN were checked:

a. He had studied at the University of Bonn, a fact which ALBERT had thought was not true, and SCHAUZ had tried to check with the Bonn University registrar.

b. O'FRIEN worked with British intelligence after the war, and while doing so had seen his Berlin Documents Center file. Following the British employment, he had worked for a year or so for the Ritter Ministry, during which time he came to the attention of BREKKE as the author of a yellow handbook on the Volkspolizei (?) .

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